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I best have a waffon load of flowers from Austria. Such precious flowers!
what different colors they suggest: as "Pale Persian flower of Aust."
a waffon load of flowers from Austria. Such precious flowers!

in doing honour to her memory.
So I enclose you the notice
amended in this sense. - as
it can be for it has not yet
been printed; Mrs. ~~Edmore~~
Knows of many such per-
sons.

I exult in your pro-
cess. Do you find yourself reproach-
ed of any, for your continuing
plants? "Very good" - has rung
in my ears from my earliest
undertakings - "if you only had
two lifetimes!"

May I tell Adelaide how
much pleasure her portrait of you
gives? - I am not without occasion-
al visits from Neighbours, & they
are so enchanted with this picture!

My sisters Anna & Emma are
going to Switzerland, after all: -
in three weeks time. - October is
O. 1 month to return. I think the
Goths would come too, but for the
danger of the seas - i.e. the almost
mortal sickness it occasions them.
a quiver in aid. M. W. C.

Weymouth
Aug. 23.
1802

- Do you not know, my
love & friend, that letters
are among the things that
are weighed, - not counted?
Weighed by their worth, -
weighed by the pleasure they
give, - a single letter of
one, may be more desira-
ble than a dozen of another.
You will write to me
when you can or choose: -
I to you when I feel the
confidence to do so: - feel,
that is, that I am not
a selfish bore. There is
no debt & credit account
in the matter. The risk I
would avoid in travelling
is not one connected with
years, but with conditions.
Some things are in one's own

+ tell your whole & thoughtful of my aunt, when he asked
out to meet a son - sister; - that he ought to have been a son
of my aunt. "You must do as you see" - I will not make
suffering friends suffer more
than I can prevent it. You know how much it
costs me to ensure the preven-
tion and how strongly (I sh^d)
feel bound in love & duty
to please you as well as my
self in this case, if duties ever
clashed. They do not. I'll tell you
depend on me - you
will say, to do whatever
your counsel or wish - walk
drives, or her not - for your
counsel is good - & my
acceptance of it would ex-
tend to things in different. I
should instantly like to do what
you should wish.

Sunday I drove to Milton
to see Mary Cunningham.
Her life is given to flowers -
all beautiful things.

me, is then absent from home.

Some day we will go there
on our way to Mrs. Neshee's.

The next day, Geo.^d, I went to
Bush Hall, - James Robbins
- one of my oldest friends.

To day I am busy in
preparing for a simultaneous
outburst of notices. A letter
just recd from Mrs. Lummere
tells me Anne has not appeared
in the woman's journal: The
Supper because of what has
befallen Frank. She is going
to give a lecture ^{on H. M.} by their request
to the young lady students of
the Boston University, on the 6th
of October, then 10th regular meeting.
She can not bear to line up, &
see, the idea of raising money, &
suggests that it will not be happy
to give notice that the smallest
sums will be welcome proportional
to their ability, from all who, feeling
their own lives enriched by the noble
life of H. M. desire to contribute